REMARKS

Claims 28-44 are active in this application. Claims 28-44 find support in Claims 1-27 and the specification as originally filed. The specification is amended to correct a translation error in the specification. This change has been made in the parent Application (US Serial No. 09/731,729) and is supported by the certified English translation of PCT/JP99/03055, filed in the parent Application.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in view of the following comments and as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is kindly requested.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 4, please insert the following:

--The present application is a Continuation Application of U.S. Serial No. 09/731,729,

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filed December 8, 2000, allowed, which in turn is a Continuation Application of

PCT/JP99/03055, filed June 8, 1999.--

Paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5, please replace as follows:

--In formula (2), X represents hydrogen atom, carboxyl group, an alkoxycarbonyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms which may have a [substituent(s)] substituent(s) or benzyl group which may have a [substituent] substituent(s). The substituent is selected from among carboxyl group, alkoxycarbonyl groups having 2 to 8 carbon atoms, alkylsulfonyloxy groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, piperidyloxy group, iminoalkylpiperidyloxy groups having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpiperidyloxy groups having 7 to 14 carbon atoms, piperidylalkyl groups having 6 to 8 carbon atoms, iminoalkylpiperidylalkyl groups having 7 to 11 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpiperidylalkyl groups having 8 to 15 carbon atoms, pyrrolidinyloxy group, iminoalkylpyrrolidinyloxy groups having 5 to 9 carbon atoms, amidino group, monoor dialkylamidino groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, hydroxyl group, halogeno groups, indolyl group and alkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms. In formula (2), X and W may be bonded together to form a ring and, in this case, -W-X- represents ethylene group, trimethylene group or tetramethylene group.--

Page 5, beginning at line 4, please replace the paragraph as follows:

--When L is an organic group of any of formulae (2) to (4), V₁ represents hydrogen atom, benzoyl, benzenesulfonyl, 2-naphthalenesulfonyl, piperazinecarbonyl, cinnamoyl, piperidinecarbonyl, 4-methylthiazole-5-carbonyl, phenylacetyl, phenylthiocarbonyl or benzimidoyl group which may have a [substituent] substituent(s) or an alkanesulfonyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, which may have a [substituent] substituent(s). When L is an organic group of formula (5), V₁ represents an aryl group having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, which may have a [substituent] substituent(s).--

Paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6, please replace as follows:

--When L is an organic group of any of formulae (2) to (5) and V₁ has a substituent, the substituent is selected from among carboxyl group, alkoxycarbonyl groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, carbamoyl group, mono- or dialkylamidino groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, amidino group, mono- or dialkylamidino groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, acyl groups having 1 to 8 carbon atoms, halogeno groups, amino group, monoor dialkylamino groups having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, arylamino groups having 4 to 6 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylamino groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, aminoalkyl groups having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, mono- or dialkylaminoalkyl groups having 2 to 7 carbon atoms, N-alkyl-N-alkoxycarbonylaminoalkyl groups having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, piperidyloxy group, iminoalkylpiperidyloxy groups having 6 to 10 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpiperidyloxy groups having 8 to 14 carbon atoms, pyrrolidinyloxy group, iminoalkylpyrrolidinyloxy groups having 5 to 9 carbon atoms, alkoxycarbonylpyrrolidinyloxy groups having 7 to 13 group having a [substituent] substituent(s). When L is an organic group of formula (5), V₂ represents an aryl group having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, which may have a [substituent] substituent(s).--

Page 13, beginning at line 9, please replace the paragraph as follows:

--W is preferably hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms. W is particularly preferably hydrogen atom. X is preferably hydrogen atom, a carboxyalkyl group having 2 or 3 carbon atoms or an alkoxycarbonylalkyl group having 3 to 10 carbon atoms. W is particularly preferably hydrogen atom, carboxymethyl group or ethoxycarbonylmethyl group. X is preferably hydrogen atom, carboxyl group, an alkyl group having 1 to 3 carbon atoms, which may have a [substituent] substituent(s), or benzyl group which may have a [substituent(s). X is particularly preferably hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having one carbon atom and a substituent.--

Paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14, please replace as follows:

-- V_1 is preferably benzoyl group which may have a [substituent] substituent(s), piperidinecarbonyl group which may have a [substituent] substituent(s) or pyridinecarbonyl group which may have a [substituent] substituent(s). V_1 is more preferably benzoyl group having a substituent or piperidinecarbonyl group having a [substituent] substituent(s).--

Page 16, beginning at line 8, please replace the paragraph as follows:

--Preferred benzamidine derivatives are those of general formula (1-1) wherein, when L represents an organic group of formulae (2) to (4), V₁ represents hydrogen atom, benzoyl, benzenesulfonyl, 2-naphthalenesulfonyl, cinnamoyl, piperidinecarbonyl, phenylacetyl, phenylthiocarbonyl or benzimidoyl group which may have a substituent or an alkanesulfonyl group having 1 to 6 carbon group, which may have a substituent; when L represents an organic group of formula (5), V₁ represents an aryl group having 4 to 10 carbon atoms, which may have a [substituent] substituent(s);--

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claims 28-44 (New).